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TESTIMONIALS

search in vain in history to find the similar to Jesus Christ, anything which can approach the gospel.—Neither history, nor humanity, nor the ages, nor nature, offer me anything with which I am able to compare or explain it.—There is nothing in which is not beyond the reach of events and above the human mind.—What happiness it is to those who believe it! What marvels there which those who reflect upon it!—Nature.

God writes the gospel not in the Bible alone, but on trees, and stones, and clouds, and stars.—Nature.

The gospel is the fulfillment of all hopes, the perfection of philosophy, the interpreter of revelations, and a key to all seeming contradictions of nature in the physical and moral world.—Hugh Miller.

Its Thirty-ninth Birthday

Thirty-nine years ago the Church of God decided that it must no longer confine itself to the pulpit as its means and method of promulgating the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ and promoting the interest of the Church, but that it must use the printed page as well.

So, on March 1, 1910, the first official Church organ was born and christened, "The Evening Light and Church of God Evangel."

Whether the committee was convinced that the Church was only in its first glorious rays of morning light or not, the first part of its dual name, "Evening Light," was dropped in one year, leaving it with the name it has borne so majestically for thirty-eight years—"The Church of God Evangel."

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SPECIAL REQUEST

I had a heart attack a few days ago. Pray for my speedy recovery.—
S. Whit Denson.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My nose and mouth to be healed; my husband.—Mrs. Betty La Roy, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

God to heal my mother who is in a very serious condition.—Mrs. Fred Lord, New Orleans, La.

My granddaughter to be healed of a blood tumor.—Mrs. J. T. Manning, Cochran, Ga.

God to heal me of heart trouble.—Nora Thomas, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

My son to be saved and healed; my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. B. T. Cross, Dearborn, Mich.

Me and my sick brother and father; my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. Marsie Sullivan, Louisville, Miss.

Me and my family.—F. S. Deeser, Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. J. B. Tingle and her children.—Mrs. Bates, Swannanoa, N. C.

My unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. W. F. Gentry, Fruithurst, Ala.

The healing of my right side; my baby.—Mrs. J. C. Cooley, Cookeville, Tenn.

My husband and children to be saved.—Mrs. W. Whitlow, Rich Creek, Va.

Mrs. Edith Witt to be healed of cancer and growth on her heart.—Mrs. Maxie Barker, Cooke, Va.

My husband's eyes to be healed.—Mrs. Walter Jeffery, Crummes, Ky.

God to heal me of arthritis and other illnesses.—Rhoda Jarrell, Beth, W. Va.

W. T. Dodson, who is ill.

Me that I may get victory over a bad habit.

—C. M. Minnick, Stephenson, W. Va.

God to heal me of a cancer in my stomach and one in each breast.—Fannie Duncan, Augusta, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. O. C. York, Empire, Ala.

God to heal me.—Dick C. Lewis, Brockdell, Tenn.

My husband to be saved.—Mrs. Lula Leonard, Erlanger, N. C.

My son who has an infected knee, also a large knot and breaking out behind his ear.—Andrew Vance, Norman, Okla.

My boy to be saved; the healing of my body; a sister.—Mrs. Esther Robertson, Belmont, N. C.

The complete healing of my body; God to increase my faith that I may completely trust Him.—Robert A. White.

The healing of my body.—Joan Ricketts, Booneville, Miss.

My wife to be healed of asthma.—John C. Hicks, Lakeland, Fla.

The healing of my back and sides.—Della Walker, Comfort, W. Va.

God to completely heal me of stomach trouble.—Mrs. Cleve Sweatt, Dillon, S. C.

The healing of my body; I have been sick for twenty-five years.—Ivey C. Anderson, Bremen, Ala.

My daughter to be healed of asthma; me to be healed of a swelling.—Mrs. Ida Carr, Marked Tree, Ark.

NOTICES

J. L. Monceaux is no longer a minister or member in the Church of God.

—L. L. Hughes, State Overseer of Arkansas.

If you know of anyone in or near Connorsville, Indiana, who might be interested in the Church of God, please send me their address immediately. We are starting a new work here.—Lavern Borton, 204 Vine Street, Connorsville, Indiana.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

REDDISH

Sister Ida Lee Ogden Reddish died at her home in Jesup, Ga., August 24, 1948, at the age of sixty-five years. She was a good Christian, wife and mother, and we feel that our loss is heaven's gain. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. C. Swilley at Piney Grove Church of God.—Shelley Ogden.

SULLIVAN

Mrs. Ruth Shephard Sullivan went home to glory December 14, 1948, at the age of fifty-seven years. She was a devout Christian and is greatly missed by her eleven children and loving husband, Mr. Elgie Sullivan, of Huntington, W. Va. We know our loss is heaven's gain.—A daughter, Mrs. Samuel B. Lafon, Phoenix, Ariz.

OGDEN

Sister Minnie Bell Barks Ogden died at her home near Odum, Ga., October 16, 1948. She was sixty years of age and the beloved wife of Brother Millard Ogden. She had lived a Christian life since girlhood and was a charter member of Piney Grove Church of God. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. C. Swilley, of Jesup, Ga., assisted by her pastor, Rev. A. J. Porter. She was laid to rest in Piney Grove cemetery.—Shelley Ogden.

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	Subscriptions	Rolls
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Arizona	42	
Arkansas	174	20
Colorado	22	5
Connecticut	6	5
California	425	155
Delaware	50	
Florida	1,127	30
Georgia	1,378	147
Illinois	319	
Indiana	144	5
Iowa	76	18
Kansas	64	
Kentucky	561	
Louisiana	197	
Massachusetts	7	30
Maine	27	
Maryland	159	
Minnesota	18	
Montana	29	
Michigan	210	77
Mississippi	448	20
Missouri	175	
Idaho	6	25
New Jersey	18	10
Nebraska	18	
New Mexico	47	
New York	24	8
North Dakota	73	38
North Carolina	1,283	280
Ohio	393	25
Oklahoma	232	10
Oregon	26	
Pennsylvania	325	30
South Carolina	1,367	96
Tennessee	968	171
Texas	354	23
Virginia	638	
West Virginia	943	25
Washington	58	10
Wisconsin	19	
Washington, D. C.	17	
Nevada	2	
South Dakota	62	
Utah	4	
Wyoming	7	
Total	13,493	1,397

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

EDITORIALS...

PLEASE DOUBLE SPACE

No editor could possibly appreciate contributions for publications more than I do, but I would appreciate them, even more, if they were double-spaced when you type them; and, of course, we prefer that all who possibly can type their articles. Your thought in sending manuscript typed is to save us time, yet if the lines are not double-spaced they have to be retyped so the copy preparers will have space to make corrections. So thank you in advance for typing all your manuscripts possible and double-spacing all you type.

MONKEYS' DISGRACE

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree
Discussing things as they're to be.
Said one to the others, "Now listen, you two,
There's a certain rumor that can't be true,
That man descended from our noble race.
The very idea is itself a disgrace!

"No monkey ever deserted his wife,
Starved her babies, and ruined her life;
And you've never known a mother monk
To leave her babies with others to bunk,
Or pass them on from one to another
Till they scarcely know who is their mother.

"And another thing you'll never see,
A monk build a fence around a coconut tree,
And let the coconuts go to waste,
Forbidding all other monks a taste.
Why, if I put a fence around a tree,
Starvation would force you to steal from me.

"Here's another thing a monk won't do,
Go out at night and get on a stew,
Or use a gun, or club, or knife
To take some other monkey's wife.
Yes, man descended, the ornery cuss,
But, brother, he didn't descend from us."

BECOMING EXTINCT

Once there were about 5,000 Shakers in the United States, but now there are reported to be only about sixty, and their average age is seventy-five years. Since their doctrine forbade marriage, membership could be enlisted only through converts. The Shakers distinguished themselves in practical economic projects. They made good furniture and ran productive farms. The remaining Shakers believe in the industrious life. They claim to have more ability than any modern "relief officials" and say they have never yet had to call on any government for aid.—*The Watchman-Examiner.*

SPIRITUAL BIRTH CONTROL—PLAIN TALK

Here are some of the contraceptives:

First of all, a stubborn refusal to read or hear God's Word.

It is said that an Irishman was overpersuaded to attend a service, but to avoid hearing the preacher he put his fingers in his ears. A fly kept lighting on his nose until, as

he struck at the fly, the preacher quoted, "He that hath an ear let him hear," and it so disturbed the Irishman that it finally led to his conversion. Yet there are thousands who never go as far as that Irishman that a pestiferous fly caused to hear the saving gospel.

2. There are those who do attend church and hear the Word read and preached but refuse to comply with it. They are like a person beholding his face in a glass, who turns away to straightway forget what manner of man he was.

3. Then there are those who hear and read, who promise themselves that they are going to obey it and become Christians. But it is always the same story. Procrastination is one of the most effective spiritual contraceptives.

4. But there is another contraceptive that is equally as effective, and that is the sinner taking a critical attitude toward Christians and justifying himself upon the accusation that So-and-So are hypocrites and that he is as good as he is. That spiritual preventative has kept and is keeping thousands out of the kingdom of God, and it is filling hell.

5. Some people curse God and the day that they were born because their lives are surrounded by unpleasant and difficult circumstances. They simply have no faith in God, themselves, or their fellow man. They leave a terrible life to go to one worse. Hard luck is their spiritual contraceptive.

6. On the other hand, good fortune is the new birth control used by some. They are lovers of pleasure more than God. They have money, and their type of friends and fame. They are getting all they can out of this life. Well, they had better, for when they move down to be with Dives, they won't even get a drop of water.

7. Here are several very successful spiritual birth control methods:

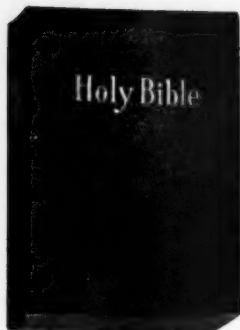
(a) Hold to the idea that you were born again but didn't know when. I heard at least one preacher say he believed that was possible. Well, I don't. Neither does the Bible support it. Could you love and not know it? Well, John says, "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren."

(b) The education theory is one of the most perfect spiritual preventatives ever used, for it is a known fact that one can not be trained into the kingdom of God. It takes the new birth. The new birth is dependent neither on ignorance nor education. One must have enough intelligence to confess sin and believe the Lord Jesus for forgiveness, and that is all.

(c) The family tree philosophy. There are hundreds of preachers who are patting those who belong to the Jones and Smith families on the shoulder and telling them they are all right, and keeping them in high offices in the church—which simply means that those preachers are preventing them from being born again. "It is not by flesh nor blood, nor the will of man, but God."

It matters not who you are, where you are, what you have or haven't, you must throw overboard all your spiritual birth-control methods and be born of the Spirit, or you will lose your soul in hell.

Dr. Robert G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, says, "Unless our hearts are 25,000 miles in circumference, they are too small."



Your Publishing House

E. C. CLARK, State Overseer
of Ohio



As I travel from church to church, I must confess I am surprised to see that most of our churches are not using our song books. Seldom do I see our books in use in our churches. We have good song books published by the Tennessee Music and Printing Company. I don't quite understand why our churches feel they must sacrifice this badly needed profit to other publishers. Net profits from the Tennessee Music and Printing Company, also from the Church of God Publishing House, go to finance Lee College, where your own boys and girls are being educated. This institution is worthy of your support.

Then, too, I have been equally surprised to find many churches buying various types of merchandise for resale from other companies, when the same merchandise is sold by our own Publishing House, and sometimes at even a lower price. In some cases, I have learned of Bibles being purchased from other publishers, which were sold at a higher price than our Publishing House charges for the same Bible. This is true of other religious books, also.

If our churches would patronize the Publishing House, also the Tennessee Music and Printing Company, it would greatly relieve the financial responsibility of the local churches in helping to liquidate the indebtedness on Lee College. During the past six years, the Publishing House paid to Lee College and our Bible Schools an average of

more than \$48,000 cash each year, besides \$72,000 worth of new equipment installed during the same period. Inventories were also increased at least \$50,000. These amounts in cash, improvements and increased inventories would be at least 50 per cent more than that, if our people would only patronize the Publishing House and the Tennessee Music and Printing Company.

It is good advertising to use your own song books. It lets people know more about our Church and its progress. Besides, it is good business to be economical. Our song books are decidedly lower in price than other publishers and in most instances equally as good. Yes, they are as good as "any," and better than "many." You are at liberty to buy where you please, but your patronage would be appreciated and the financial benefits from any profits derived from sales from our Publishing House and the Tennessee Music and Printing Company would be used to further advance the cause of Christ as represented by the Church of God.

I don't know if churches in other states are so far amiss as we are in Ohio or not, but our loyalty would be a great blessing to us during these days of endeavor to make advancement through our schools and Lee College.

Think this over, and it wouldn't hurt to pray about it. May the Lord add His blessings to you in every way.

justification. Another, that we are justified by our works alone and that our Christian experience is what we do and not what we get. A third and very important belief is that salvation is by grace, through faith, and that these are proved by works.

James certainly accepted the gospel of grace as preached by Paul, but was also a believer in proof. A profession was not enough. He was a legalist and wanted evidence to prove any claim which was made by testimony. Over and over in this general epistle, he contends that faith alone is not enough and that without works it is dead.

In our text, the word "doer" is taken from a Greek word which means "performer" or "dramatist," therefore one who performs or acts out on the stage of action the script or word which he or she has been given. A reception of the Word brings great joy, and it is not unusual during this time for a high tide of emotional reaction to be present, but after that acceptance comes the important time. This time we might call "performance on the proving ground."

The apostle gives us in this chapter, verses 23-25, a very beautiful and forceful illustration in hearing and doing. How often have we heard a good sermon or a good proposition, and in it we saw ourselves pictured as lacking in our service, short in our hospitality, and slack in our devotions, but as soon as we went away from the source, the picture was gone and we had forgotten? This James pictures as the man who hears and does not do.

The blessed man is the one who keeps his eyes steadily upon the text of his duty. His responsibility must be in his heart so thoroughly that it becomes a part of him so that its performance is reactionary and spontaneous. It becomes a natural consequence, because his entire nature has been subjugated to another law other than his own. "The law of liberty" becomes his law and a sequence of performance ensues.

It might be well to note that James changes the "doer of the word" in verse 22 to a "doer of the work" in verse 25. This is a beautiful transition. In it the one who accepts the joy and blessings of salvation becomes the grateful servant.

Many are the ways opened to the child of God for service. These channels are largely provided through that

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THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

By E. L. SIMMONS,
State Overseer of Georgia

"Be ye doers of the word," James 1:22.

It is commonly accepted that there are three schools of thought in the

Christian religious system as it pertains to man's salvation and his acceptance of that which God has prepared for him. One of these is that man is saved by grace alone, and that works have nothing to do with his

Our Boys and Girls . . .

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE

WILLIAM F. DYCH, Superintendent

Montgomery Avenue

Cleveland, Tennessee



The following is a brief historical radio script that, we think, would be of interest to the **Evangel** family. It will be published in two installments.

Radio Script, WBAC, Cleveland, Tennessee, January 6, 1949

As far back as 1908 some of the constituency of the Church of God felt the need of giving physical and spiritual comfort to underprivileged children. The first real orphanage work began in 1920, when a committee rented a home on the corner of Twenty-fourth Street and Montgomery Avenue.

The General Overseer introduced the thought of an orphanage in his annual address during the Fourteenth Assembly in 1919. Following this address, speeches were made by other leading officials and members, which created such keen interest that the delegates enthusiastically rallied to the support of the project and an offering was received amounting to \$6,000, from 1,000 members.

Our first orphans' home was rented by the committee in 1920, on Montgomery Avenue and Twenty-fourth Street. The seventeenth day of December, 1920, really marked the glorious beginning of the Orphanage, and was supervised by Mrs. Lillian Klmsey, of Pell City, Alabama.

Like all other departments of the Church of God, the Orphanage work has had a phenomenal growth. Our people caught the vision of the possibilities of such an endeavor and went to work, and their efforts have been very successful.

From a start in 1920, with four children, we now take care of an aver-

age of about 200 children. These children are housed in four homes. There are two girls' homes, located in Cleveland. The home on Lee Highway, about five miles south of Cleveland, is our largest home and takes care of about ninety boys. We also have a boys' home on Old Benton Pike and Chatata Valley Road, which takes care of about thirty boys.

Our children come to us for help from all sections of the country. Because of undesirable circumstances beyond their control, they need shelter and security. Since the first home was opened, the Church of God has taken care of hundreds of underprivileged and destitute children. Although the Orphanage is owned and supervised by the Church of God, it is run on a nonsectarian basis; therefore, any child that is deserving and otherwise eligible will be received, regardless of church or non-church membership.

Our work is supported wholly by voluntary contributions. One source of income is the Orphanage march that is conducted at each Sunday School session of our churches. This gives the children who attend our Sunday Schools, as well as our members and friends, an opportunity to support this worthy endeavor. A special offering is also received at each church on Easter Sunday, for the support of the work. Special offerings are also received at other various church gatherings. This, with the contributions of friends, businessmen, business establishments, and others interested in this type of humanitarian work, make this noble undertaking possible.

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Whitwell	498.73
Whiteside	7.90



Mrs. A. V. Beaube

We are very happy for the good reports being sent in from over the State, and hope you will continue the good work.

I should be happy if I could visit all the churches and be with you in your meetings, but, as you know, I have small children and have to send them to school. Perhaps this summer I shall get to visit some of you. In the meantime we will be praying for you that God will bless you in your work and make this year the best one yet.—Sincerely, Mrs. A. V. Beaube.

The gates of praise are only entered by those with thankful hearts.

TENNESSEE'S L. W. W. B. REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER-DECEMBER

Alton Park	\$235.00
Athens	525.00
Bryington	200.00
Bone Cave	48.70
Bristol	30.20
Cartwright	30.05
Corryton	13.88
Collinwood	27.31
Daley	166.25
Dyersburg	29.05

Dunlap	16.80
Erwin	122.35
Elizabethton	358.90
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East Soddy	33.75
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Guild	388.35
Gainsville Pike	90.00
Greenway	21.85
Graysville	113.75
Grandview	69.04
Hixson	80.08
Falling Water	50.25
Humboldt	70.00

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God's Punishment for Man's Sins

By REVEREND LINDSAY F. PRATT

(Taken and prepared by Miss Irene Wales during the revival at North Cleveland.)

Isa. 13:11. "I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity."

Sin wouldn't be quite as bad as it appears if God weren't going to punish people for the things they do that are wrong.

Isaiah was one of the major prophets, a man that could see the love of God, and could realize that God was going to send a Saviour to the world. In the meantime he saw some things that are not so pleasant, after all.

Notice the message, "I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity."

If John 3:16, the scripture we love so well, is true, then Isa. 13:11 must be true, also. If that be true, God certainly did mean it when He said He was going to punish the world for their evil. God can't lie. His Word says that is impossible. You should stop and realize that what you do you will have to stand before God and give an account thereof some day. God will measure things in a close measure. Every idle word that man speaks he will give account for in the judgment.

The apostle Paul tells us that God is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of a man's heart. Since He knows the places we go and what we do, certainly we should stop and search our lives and see if there is anything there that would be offensive when we meet God.

There are many schools of thought in the world as to just how God is going to punish the people for their evil. Let the Bible tell us. God has an answer for every question. You don't have to doubt, guess, or think; but it is all right there where you can find it.

Jesus preached as much hell fire as anybody. The first message by Jesus in the Bible was filled with the fire of hell as a punishment for people who don't live right.

In Matt. 5:22 Jesus said, "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall

be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."

If there hadn't been a place like hell, I don't believe Jesus would have said it. I think every word He said is true. He was inspired of His Father in heaven. When He was talking about hell as punishment for wicked people, He actually meant every word He said. There was no guesswork or foolishness about what He said, but it was the divine truth from the Father.

In the thirteenth chapter of Matthew Jesus spoke a parable, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then His disciples said they wished to know the interpretation of this parable. He answered them, "He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall



Rev. Lindsay F. Pratt

cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

This ought to make you stop and realize that if you are lost in sin, you will be gathered out of this world with the wicked and cast into a furnace of fire.

Matt. 23:33, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"

Jesus must have been a man who, in most every sermon, preached something pertaining to hell and punishment for wicked people.

IF THERE IS A HELL, WHERE IS IT?

I have had that asked me many times. I don't think you could find it on a road map, but you can find it in the Bible where hell is located.

Jesus said in Matthew 18 that if it was necessary for one to be brought in question, take witnesses, for in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word could be established. If there is a possibility of establishing every word in the church by two or three people who live good lives saying, before a council, "So-and-So did so-and-so," then two or three men of the Bible, inspired by the Holy Ghost, can establish a fact. Let us look at some of the great witnesses, such as David, Solomon, and Isaiah, and see where hell is.

People had been living wicked lives, and David said, Psa. 55:15, "Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quickly into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them."

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We know from this that one man gives us proof where hell might be—"go down quickly."

Some claim that the grave is hell, and when a man dies that is all there is to it. I don't think David cared how quickly people were buried, but he wanted them to depart out of this world down into hell.

Solomon, possibly the wisest man that ever lived, left us an index finger pointing to where hell is. In Prov. 15: 24 he said, "The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath."

This may not be interesting to some, but there may be someone in this congregation who will depart into hell, away from the presence of God. Christians want to go to heaven above, where we can enjoy living in the presence of the Lord, where we shall have beautiful mansions, garments glistening white, harps and crowns. There is nothing to compare with it.

I don't like literal punishment for anything I have done, and certainly I don't want to go down beneath. But when the power of the Holy Ghost takes hold of the bodies of the Christians in this old world, I want to feel that, that I may escape hell beneath.

May people realize that they must be filled with the power and looking for the coming of Jesus.

Our third witness is Isaiah. We find in Isa. 14:9, "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming." Verse 15, "Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

Three outstanding messengers have proved that hell must be a place beneath somewhere. That is enough to convince me that down beneath somewhere there is a place of punishment. If you could see people there tonight, you would see them crying out, "O Lord, have mercy." No doubt they are making an altar, if that is possible, screaming, "O God, have mercy." No doubt someone will leave this revival and a short time afterward be crying out, when hell is compassing them about, "O Lord, have mercy." Did you ever see a man who is lost dying? Hear him as he cries in despair, "O Lord, I am lost." A girl who wouldn't give her heart to God died saying, "Dad, pull me up in the bed. My feet are in flames." A man from Illinois, a drunkard, whom the church members tried to save, laughed and said, "There is nothing to it," but when he was dying he said, "The fire of hell is all around me."

There will come a time in your life, sooner than you think maybe, when the flames of hell will surround you, if you don't turn from your sins and be born into the eternal kingdom of heaven. You must have the Spirit of God and walk the highway of holiness if you escape hell beneath.

FROM WHERE DID THE FIRE IN HELL COME?

Where did the fire in hell start? Does the Bible say anything about it?

Deut. 32:22, "For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains."

Did you ever see the picture of a volcano, with the hot fluid rock pouring out? Maybe it comes from hell. Before a volcano was ever thought about, Moses cried out, "A fire is kindled in mine anger . . . and set on fire the foundations of the mountains."

IF FIRE IS THERE, WHICH THE BIBLE PLAINLY PROVES THERE IS, WHY WAS THE FIRE PREPARED?

In Matt. 25:41, when speaking of the judgment of the nations, Jesus said, "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." This, no doubt, carries us back to the thirty-second chapter of Deuteronomy when the fire was started there because they lightly esteemed the Rock of their salvation and sacrificed unto devils and not unto God, to gods whom they knew not, to new gods that came newly up.

It would pay you to search your life and heart and see if there is anything that will bar you in God's eternal judgment. Now is the time to make it right.

THE GRAVE IS NOT HELL

Do you actually believe God is intelligent and does not do things foolishly? Certainly, I believe He is intelligent—He who could create the world and all that is in it.

Rev. 20:14, 15, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Certainly God has more intelligence than to take a grave, or hole from the ground, and cast it into a lake of fire. God help you to realize you have got to live like the Bible says, and consecrate your entire life. There is more to this than a shout. You have

got to live straight and walk straight if you go to a place where there is no sin. You have got to get rid of all the sins of this world and say, "Lord, I am willing to follow you. I want to make heaven at any cost."

God help this congregation to get away from the world until the world can see there is a transformation in the power of God that can change a man's life.

IS THERE SUFFERING IN HELL?

Do people suffer in hell? Are they actually tormented there?

David tells us that when he was in that condition when the only black mark was made on his life (2 Samuel 11; Psalm 55), "The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold of me: I found trouble and sorrow," Psa. 116:3. He could feel something in that condition.

It would pay you tonight to give your heart to God. There is no guesswork or put-on about it, but old-fashioned religion, a life separated from the world.

Let us look at that sorrowful picture in Luke 13. "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are: then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God. And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last."

Yes, there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Did you ever see anybody so angry he could bite somebody? That is nothing to compare with the pains of hell that will make you want to bite somebody. Is that in the Bible? Certainly, and even if you want to explain it away, it is there just the same. Jesus didn't go around telling fairy tales, something

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Court Awards Huntsville \$7,000 in Suit Against Manufacturing Company

On May 24, 1948, J. T. Roberts, then overseer of Alabama, called and asked I go to Huntsville and represent him. District Pastor H. T. Statum and the Huntsville pastor, Williard Williamson, in a meeting with the officials of the Huntsville Manufacturing Company. Brother Williamson, upon the permission of Andrew P. personnel manager of the Huntsville Manufacturing Company, had set up his tent for a revival on the ground where the man standing in the first picture at the left

Brother Williamson's surprise, however, before he had his initial service, Mr. Floyd called and asked that he move the tent. When he saw that he could not prevail upon him for permission to keep the tent there, he requested the privilege of having an interview with him, and that he talk the matter over with him and the state overseer and district overseer.

This privilege was finally granted, and on May 25, I represented the state overseer, and with Brothers Statum and Williamson spent some time in the office of the personnel manager. We found that there were two reasons why he wanted the tent moved.

First, one of the churches on the mill property had scheduled a revival to begin at that time, and that particular pastor, a few of his neighboring pastors, had objected to the tent meeting being conducted. Then, upon close questioning, we found it had been reported we were snake handlers and fanatics in general. We agreed to move the tent due to the first condition mentioned, and Mr. Floyd was given detailed information of the Church, its government, doctrines, teachings, membership, property holdings, and various departments. He also given one of our latest *Minutes*, *Evangel* and a *Lighted Pathway*. His committee was thoroughly convinced by his statements that he was favorably impressed with the Church; in fact, surprised at its proportions, and that he had

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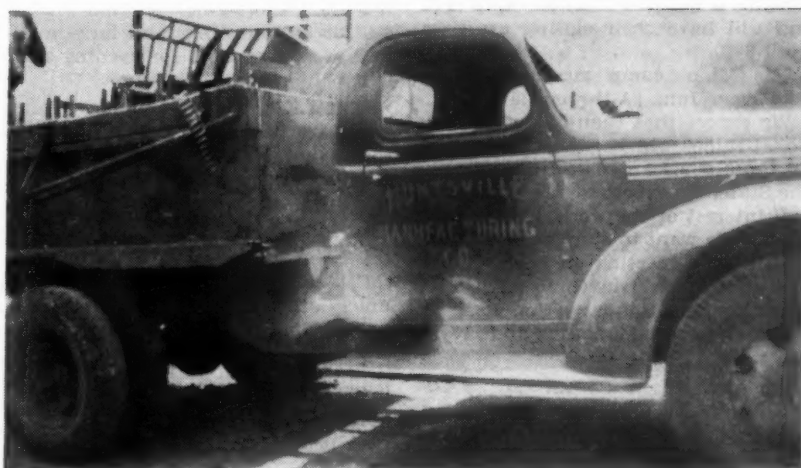
er thought of our being the fanatical
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 the tent?" Mr. Floyd said, "Why, move
 there on the lot beside my house,"
 gave the party's phone number who
 either that lot or some lots near by.
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 e the man don't own that property now. If you
 t the let get permission, it will be all right."

The pastor and council
 instructed Brother Moore,
 who knew Mr. Allen C. Cobb,
 owner of the property, to
 rent it. Brother Moore paid
 him \$20 for the use of the
 land twenty-one days, for
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 receipt, and the tent was
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Coming Events . . .

Camp Meeting, June 24-July 4 Leonard Carroll, Dynamic Evangelist, Will Be Special Camp Meeting Speaker

The Reverend Leonard Carroll has been greatly used of God, and thousands have been blessed by his inspiring ministry. He will have his wife and radio trio with Him. Plan now to come. Start asking God to pour out of His Spirit. Pastors, let us fast and pray for the greatest outpouring we have ever had. We are going to give plenty of room in our camp meeting to pray for the sick. God wants to meet us in an old-fashioned way. Let us prepare our hearts.

We urge you to write in for reservations. Address your letters to Rev. Oscar Backman, Box 1894, Minot, N. Dak. He is chairman of the Entertainment Committee. — Glenn Pettyjohn, State Overseer, North and South Dakota.

FELLOWSHIP RALLIES

Great Falls, Mont., March 4, 5, 6
Lewistown, Mont., March 25, 26, 27
Missoula, Mont., March 29, 30, 31, April 1
Casper, Wyo., May 20, 21, 22
Harlowton, Mont., June 3, 4, 5
Billings, Mont., June 10, 11, 12
Big Timber, Mont., June 17, 18, 19
Manhattan, Mont., July 8, 9, 10

Our Youth Camp will be held at Castle Rock Camp, July 18-24, inclusive.

Adult Bible Camp will be held at Castle Rock Camp, July 25-31, inclusive.

The Bible School at Lemmon will conduct a ministers' school April 4-8, and will have their closing exercises April 8-10.

The Minot camp meeting will be held from June 24 through July 4.

We expect that each of our promotional rallies will be well attended by all those who can come from all over the State. We expect to stress the general interest of the work during these rallies. We want to start each of them with a good meeting on Friday night at 8 p.m., followed by three services on Saturday and Sunday—Wm. Pospisil, State Overseer, Montana and Wyoming.

N.A.E. CONVENTION

The Seventh Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, to be held in the Congress Hotel,

520 South Michigan Blvd., Chicago Ill., April 19-22, 1949, promises to be the greatest convention of Evangelicals ever held. Evangelical leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada, as well as from European countries, will be in attendance.

The convention opens with the Annual Prayer Service at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19. At the evening session, a report on the official publication of N.A.E., UNITED EVANGELICAL ACTION, will be brought by its editor, Dr. James D. Murch, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The latter part of the program will be under the direction of the National Sunday School Association, of which Dr. H. H. Savage, pastor of the First Baptist, Pontiac, Mich., is the president.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings the sessions will consist of a prayer service at 8, followed by work-study groups of the various commissions throughout the remainder of the forenoon. The Commissions, which will be meeting, are as follows: Army and Navy, Church Schools, Educational Institutions, Evangelism, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Industrial Chaplains, Radio, War Relief, Youth, Christian Liberty, Laymen's Advisory Council, and Women's Fellowship.

PENTECOSTAL WORLD CONFERENCE

May 21-29, 1949, in Paris, France

PLACE: Palais de la Mutualite. 24 Rue St. Victor, Paris 5e. Hall seating 600 for day meetings and large auditorium seating 2,000 for evening services.

LOCALITY: To reach the Palais travel by METRO (underground) to the Maubert-Mutualite Station.

ACCOMMODATION: For reservations in hotels write to the Conference Host—Pastor Rene Fauvel, 26 Avenue Aubert, Vincennes, Seine, France.

CHARGES: All must pay own costs unless otherwise advised by mail. One dollar equals about 300 French francs.

Luxury Hotels—double rooms—
F. fr. 1,000 to 1,500 per day
Superior Hotels—double rooms—
F. fr. 600 to 1,200 per day
First class Hotels—double rooms—
F. fr. 400 to 600 per day
Good Hotels—double rooms—
F. fr. 300 to 400 per day

To be on the safe side, calculate at

least F. fr. 300 per day extra for service charges, etc.

DELEGATES: Official intimation about delegates must be given either to International Pentecostal Churches, P. O. Box 303, Basel, Switzerland, or to David J. du Plessis, Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pa., U.S.A.

All fellowships (organized or spiritual) are entitled to two delegates. Those with more than 100 assemblies are entitled to two additional delegates for every 100 assemblies. Any fellowship may send as many official observers as they wish. Observers have no vote or say on the floor.

Independent assemblies that belong to no fellowship whatsoever may send only one delegate.

DISCUSSIONS: All points for discussion at the Conference must be submitted to the above addresses (under delegates) before the end of April, 1949.

INFORMATION: Further information from the secretary, David J. du Plessis, Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pa., U.S.A.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION DATES

We are announcing the district convention dates at this time, and if these dates are not satisfactory, we shall be happy to make whatever changes will be necessary. These services will begin on Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Then there will be a service on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., and we shall close on Saturday night with a mission service. This will give each pastor a chance to get home to his local church for the Sunday service.

North Woodville District, May 13, 14 (date has been changed), at Muskegon.
Grand Ledge District, April 8, 9, at Grand Ledge.
Flint District, April 22, 23, at West Flint.
Pontiac District, April 29, 30, at Pontiac.
Detroit District, May 6, 7, at West Detroit.

—D. C. Boatwright, State Overseer.

MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT CONVENTION DATES

Gulf Coast District, March 11, 12, 13.
Hattiesburg District, March 18, 19, 20.
Morgantown District, March 25, 26, 27.
Meadville District, April 1, 2, 3.
Jackson District, April 8, 9, 10.
Rocky Hill District, April 15, 16, 17.
Delta District, April 22, 23, 24.
West Point District, May 6, 7, 8.
Stonefield District, May 13, 14, 15.
Wheeler District, May 20, 21, 22.

—John L. Byrd, State Overseer.

NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Kannapolis District, March 11, 12.
Erwin District, March 18, 19.
Charlotte District, March 25, 26.
Rocky Mount District, April 1, 2.
Gastonia District, April 8, 9.
Henderson District, April 15, 16.
Greensboro District, April 22, 23.
Canton District, April 29, 30.
Lenoir District, May 6, 7.
Brevard District, May 13, 14.
Asheville District, May 20, 21.
Hayesville District, May 27, 28.

Camp Meeting and Convention
June 21-30

State Bible School, July 4
to run for six weeks. Plan now to attend!
—E. W. Williams, State Overseer.

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Reports

FROM THE FIELD

AND ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN SHUT-INS

The work of the Sunshine Circle and Prayer Band has been carried on, in a limited way, since November, 1945. Not until a year and a half ago were we able to branch out to any extent, and are not yet doing all we should like to, due to lack of help.

The purpose of this work is to reach shut-ins everywhere with the message of God's power to save and to heal, seeking to bring a word of encouragement to those who are downhearted and bearing heavy burdens, also to point the way of salvation through faith in the shed blood of Christ to those who are without hope of eternal life.

An envelope of tracts on salvation and healing is sent to all the shut-ins whose names we obtain. This contains also a printed message inviting correspondence and prayer requests. These are made into a prayer letter and sent to all the members. Many have been healed in answer to prayer, for which we thank our heavenly Father.

At this writing we have around fifty active members who are either writing or visiting shut-ins, or both. Names of shut-ins to write to are sent out from here. Many of the members have written of the great blessing they receive in this work. Did not our Lord say, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"? If you are wondering at the lack of joy and fruitfulness in your Christian life, get busy doing something for somebody else and watch the clouds roll away! Too many of God's children are just living for themselves these days.

We gladly welcome new members. Any person who is saved and loves the Lord Jesus Christ enough to deny himself for His sake, and who has caught the vision of the possibilities of this work, can be greatly used of God. One of our members wrote not long ago that he was just beginning to get enthusiastic about this work, and wanted more names to whom to write. Some get discouraged because they do not get answers to their letters, but we should never give up. Some shut-ins are not able to answer,

a few are indifferent, but the most of them are happy to have someone take an interest in them. If we back up our letters with much prayer, God will use them, whether He ever lets us know about it or not. So we must go on by faith, not sight. If you are interested in becoming a member, write to Mrs. R. A. Perry, Box 372, Randleman, North Carolina.

SPIRITUAL OUTPOURING AT I. B. C.

By REV. CHARLES EVANS
SASK. CANADA

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

I arrived here at the International Bible School on Thursday evening, January 27, and began to visit classes the next day, and to say that I felt at home is to put it mildly. Surely I felt that God was in this place.

On Friday afternoon our overseer, Brother Rafferty, called all of the student body, as well as the faculty, together and talked to them about the great sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ. How He made His way uncomplainingly up Golgotha's rough path, and how some of the older men of the Church of God have sacrificed to bring us the gospel, such as J. B. Ellis, T. S. Payne, and others, and if these men, with all of the troubles and the load they had to carry, stayed on the firing line, what ought we to do since our troubles and sacrifices are so much less? This short message seemed to give new zeal and determination to all of us, and that night Brother Bob Rampy, president of the Y. P. E., asked me to bring the message. It seemed that God came down in that chapel hall and filled the room, for it was so easy to preach, and two received the Holy Ghost. How the sounds of rejoicing came forth again and again as God continued to pour out upon us His Spirit, as floods upon a dry ground. How eagerly we drank it up, until we could drink no more! We felt that we should cry out for God to stay His hand, lest we perish with His

blessing.

This would seem almost too much for us, but God was not through with His children. When God sees that we are ready for a blessing, He will give ABUNDANTLY. There is no limit to His blessings.

Sunday morning came and the student body and faculty were in their accustomed places. The Spirit of God became more noticeable as the service progressed. The song service was led by Brother Rafferty, our overseer, and God really put his approval on it. A special song, "When I Get to the End of the Way," was then sung by Sister Rafferty and Sister Yecha, after which Brother Wilson, the pastor, brought the message that God had laid on his heart with the foundation of the thought of the text, "We Would See Jesus." How the glory seemed to roll in waves across the entire student body. It seemed to sweep us into the place of tears and repentance, and we cried to God as our dear brother became the channel for the voice of God. At the close we went to prayer, and Brother Wilson asked those to stand who knew they were ready to go where "He wants them to go." We wish the world could have seen the sight as the entire student body rose to their feet and with tears cried to God and dedicated themselves to go anywhere God called them in this sin-sick world to work for Him.

Again on Sunday night Brother Wilson, the pastor, asked me to bring the message. God again blessed, and one more received the Holy Ghost. At this writing, Monday afternoon, some are still praying from the night before, and classes have been called off to give God a chance to work.

This is not the end! This is just the beginning. God is never through with His children, if they will seek with their whole heart, and I would not want to miss a day or even an hour at I. B. C. I think it is the best Bible School I was ever in, and surely God is here.

WATCH AND PRAY FOR I. B. C.

GOOD NEWS FROM WEST FLINT

WEST FLINT, Mich. Since the Assembly seventy-two have been saved in regular services and five in a revival. Sunday night, February 6, there were eight saved, six sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for our continued success.—R. E. Lovelle.

REVIVALS

DENVER, Colo.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival, with Rev. J. W. Cothern, our state overseer, doing the preaching. Brother Cothern really did preach the old time gospel and Church of God doctrine. The church was greatly blessed by the presence of the Holy Ghost. There were three saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. We thank God for sending Brother Cothern and his family to Colorado. It seems that Brother Cothern and all his ministers in Colorado and Utah are in perfect unity. We are proud of our new pastor, Rev. A. T. Allen and Mrs. Allen and all the little Allens. God is doing great things for us in Denver. —Joseph B. Jones, Clerk.

COMBS, Ky.—We have just closed another victorious revival, beginning January 9 and closing January 30. There were forty-eight saved, twenty-nine sanctified, twenty-seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-two baptized in water, and nineteen added to the church. Rev. Abner Sizemore and his wife were in charge of the services and they did a good work. The Combs church is 100 per cent on fire for God and His cause. Since November 28, we have had twenty-eight added to the church, eighty-two saved, forty-one sanctified, thirty-two baptized with the Holy Ghost, and thirty-one baptized in water. —R. W. Harris, Pastor.

WARNER ROBINS, Ga.—The Church of God at Warner Robins has just closed a wonderful revival, with Rev. Jack Truitt as the evangelist. Six were saved, five sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and five added to the church. Since we came here we have taken in seven members and reorganized the senior Y. P. E., which runs from twenty-five to sixty in attendance. The young people's Sunday School class has grown from two to twelve and fifteen each Sunday. Also, we have added two Sunday School rooms, bought and paid for church furniture, bought and paid for a \$350 neon sign, and are on the upward move. —K. D. Beaube, Pastor, 104 Diggs Blvd.

DES MOINES, Iowa—We are praising God for sending Rev. Paul Barker to the Norwoodville church. He has been a real inspiration to our young people. There were eighteen saved, six sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. Saints fell prostrate under the power of the Holy Ghost, while others were shouting, talking in tongues, dancing, running, and rejoicing in the Spirit of God. We have organized a Y.P.E., having our first meeting January 22. We have also organized a fine Sunday School and are progressing nicely. This is a new field for the Church of God and our work is young. God has been with us in a marvelous way and supplied all our needs. We are expecting, by the grace of God, to grow to higher heights and deeper depths under the capable and wise leadership of our faithful pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Williams, for whose services we are grateful. The revival closed as it started, with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. —Mrs. Ethel Van Zandt.

DANVILLE, Va.—We have just closed a successful revival, with Brother and Sister Hathcock as the evangelists. Brother Hathcock's messages were good and will remain long in the hearts of the hearers. His profound humility made every sermon a blessing. There were twenty-nine saved, twenty-six sanctified, and twenty-five baptized with the Holy Ghost. The North Danville Church of God is progressing for God under the humble leadership of our pastor, Rev. C. R. Burkett, and his wife. The church loves and appreciates them. —Myrtle Chattin, Clerk.

WINCHESTER, Ky.—We have just closed one of the best revivals the church has had here in several years. Some say it was the best. Rev. Earl Brewer, of Kenton, Tenn., was with us three weeks. God surely did stir this place. We lost count of the number saved after it reached the twenties, and the number sanctified after we passed twelve or fourteen, but sixteen were baptized with the Holy Ghost—one person who had been saved about eighteen years, another

who had been saved over fourteen years. Seven came into the church. Brother Brewer really made friends here and has a warm welcome awaiting him any time he can come back. —J. L. Guthrie, Pastor.

BIG STONE GAP, Va.—We praise the Lord for a good revival. Our building could not seat the people who came to hear Brother and Sister Evoy sing and the old time preaching. There were twenty saved, eight sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and fifteen added to the Church—all men and women except one, a boy. We appreciate the church at Big Stone Gap. Our Sunday School has doubled in attendance since the Assembly. We have from sixty to one hundred in our Y. P. E. and a good L. W. W. B. We appreciate Brother and Sister Evoy. They have been a great blessing to the Appalachia District. Pray for us here that God will continue to save souls. —E. B. Chrisley, Pastor.

ALMA, Ga.—We began a revival January 1, at New Lacey Church of God conducted by Rev. Harry A. Mushegan and wife, of Greenville, S. C. The revival closed January 23. Brother Mushegan is a wonderful preacher and his wife is a grand pianist. They sang specials together and little Haroline, four years old, sings solos exceptionally well for one of her age. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way, and to Him we give the praise for what was accomplished. There were forty-two saved, eighteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church. On the last Sunday of the revival the all-time record attendance of 190 was broken. There were 311 in Sunday School that day. After Sunday School was over, Brother Mushegan told the story of the "Slaughter of My People, the Armenians." We were made to realize that we had never suffered any thing for Christ, after hearing all the horrible details of the crimes committed against the Armenians for His sake. At noon a bountiful dinner was served on the grounds by the ladies. In the afternoon we had special singers from different places. A radio quartet from Douglas was here, and a wonderful day of worshipping the Lord was enjoyed by all. We have a wonderful pastor and appreciate him very much. —Mrs. W. F. Steedley, Clerk.

Oh Praise the Lord

Healed Overnight

BURBANK, Calif.—I thank God for everything He is to me. He healed me of kidney trouble when the doctors said I never would be well. My back had a drain from my kidney for two years and nine months as a result of an operation. The more the doctors did the worse I got. I promised God if He would heal me I would testify to the healing through the *Evangel*. He healed my back overnight. Praise His name! Everyone who knows the worth of prayer, pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost and my family to be saved. — A Reader.

Give Me Jesus

TAMPA, Fla.—I feel like the Lord will be pleased for me to write my testimony. I was taken sick March 29, 1945. I had worked so hard I broke down and got so bad they called the doctor. I did not want the doctor. I wanted the Lord to heal me. I did not get better until our pastor came and prayed for me, then I got better. I thank the Lord for what He has done for me. I am able to go to church some now. Pray for me that I may do the Lord's will. I do thank the Lord.—Mrs. Mollie Cromer.

Little Girl Desires Healing

COAL RUN, Ky.—I am a little girl eight years old. I ask all the good praying people to pray for me that God will heal me of a bad kidney trouble. I do believe God can and will heal. I do love the Church of God. My good old mother has been a Christian for seventeen years and a member of the Church of God. She prays for me. Everyone who reads this pray that God will heal my body.—Shirley Allen.

Wonderful Jesus

GRENADA, Miss.—Praise my dear Lord! He has healed my family and me. It would take too much space to write of all of our healings, but I promised the Lord if He would heal my boy of a sick spell I would testify of it in the *Evangel*. He did. Praise His dear name! Oh, He is wonderful to everyone who will trust Him.—Mrs. J. K. Castilow.

Thanking God for His Great Healing Power

After being assigned as pastor of the East Alton church, we moved from Lockhart, S. C., here. Thank the Lord for this good band of people who have the love of God burning in their souls!

After much prayer for a revival, the Lord laid it on my heart to conduct it myself. When I announced I would do the preaching, some of the church members said they had felt all the time I should conduct this revival. We began on October 10. Several prayed through, and the Lord met with us in a great way in every service. On Thursday night, October 21, I preached with all the strength I had. I came home very weak and nauseated. About twelve o'clock I began vomiting and continued until 4 A. M. I did not awaken my family. At 4 A. M. my wife heard a noise. She rushed in to see what it was. She found me in the bathroom. I had passed out. With the help of my good neighbors, she put me to bed. From 4:30 until 9:30 I had eight hemorrhages. In a short while a number of Christians had gathered in to pray. It seemed as if God would call me home. A neighbor called the doctor. He came shortly. He said I had stomach ulcers which had eaten into a blood vessel. He wanted me to go to the hospital. I would not go.

Brother Melvin Robey, of E. St. Louis; Brother O. N. Cecil, of Collinsville; Brother W. M. Stelle, of Granite City; Brother A. I. Sherman, the Assembly of God pastor here, and his evangelist, Brother Webber, came in and began praying. They anointed me with oil, and God instantly healed me. Oh, praise His name! Thirty people in the room saw me healed—people of the Church of God, Assembly of God, Free Pentecost, and Baptist.

I was weak from the loss of so much blood, but I went to church that night. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would tell it everywhere I went, and that I am doing. On that night I told what had happened in the morning. Of course, the news had spread throughout the town already. My, the people were stirred!

Our revival is still in progress. I feel God is going to do great things here.

A businessman and his wife came Tuesday night and testified that they were at our church the night after I was healed that morning. They said when I told what God had done for me they couldn't stand it. They went home under conviction so strong they could not rest. They were gloriously saved Saturday night. The man testified he smoked from three to four packs of cigarettes a day and the Lord took that desire from him. He has not wanted a cigarette since.

Truly, I thank God for what He has done for me. I feel so unworthy. God has been so real to me. Pray for me that I may be a light to this world.—N. A. Jordan.

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I thank God for the many times He has so wonderfully healed in our home. We have two children whom we have never given any medicine. The oldest one has been healed of measles, whooping cough, many high fevers, and boils which covered his little body. The baby has not had much sickness, thank God, but God has healed her of serious colds and fevers. They never ask for medicine, but to be anointed with oil and prayed for. I also thank God for healing my body many times, especially of a serious disease about ten months ago. I praise Him for healing my husband. He fell and broke two ribs as shown by X-ray. My husband was not even bandaged up. About two months later he was X-rayed again, and the doctor told him they had never been broken. Thank God, that's just the way He will heal when we trust Him! Again I say, thank God! thank God!—Neil Jean Newton.

CALHOUN, Ga.—I praise the Lord for taking the cigarette habit from me and for saving my husband.—Mrs. Lynn Tweedell, Route 1.

ELKINS, W. Va.—I want to thank God for healing me again. Praise His name. He has been so wonderful to me. I promised Him if He would heal me of terrible pains in my chest, which I had for quite some time, I would testify through the *Evangel*. The pains are gone. Pray for me to remain faithful to the Lord and do His holy will.—Laura Hathaway.

Foreign Missions

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Every Creature



Executive Missions Secretary
J. H. WALKER

Packages Sent by Johnnie M. Owens Appreciated Greatly

Dear Evangel Readers:

The people of our island are so very poor that every day we have repeated calls for help, and it is hard to turn away real deserving cases. Sister Winter has given until we often find ourselves, also, in need. We have been greatly cheered in this deserving work by God putting it in the heart of a good brother that we have never seen in the flesh to send us during the last year forty-eight gift packages of useful articles for free distribution. This dear brother is Johnnie M. Owens, of Atlanta, Ga. The packages that he sent contained used clothing, hats, and shoes, for women, men, boys, and girls; Bibles, used Sunday School literature, tracts, *Evangelists*, and *Lighted Pathways*. All these articles were distributed to many needy ones who were very glad indeed to get them. You may have articles that you can send to Brother Owens, so that he may be able to continue this good work in helping supply the needs of the poor in this island of the mission field. In Barbados there are many hungry children who seldom or never get what they really need. We can use all that you send us. May God bless you, as you seek to help others.

—Signed, J. B. Winter, Island Overseer of Barbados, B. W. I.

Berlitz School of Languages
Basel, Switzerland

Dear Editor:

Recently, I made a tour of Germany, and had the privilege of staying with one of your missionaries, Rev. Herman J. Lauster, in Schorndorf. Without exaggeration, I can say he is doing a mighty work for the Lord.

There are about twenty works in the vicinity, and a new church is under construction which will be used as a Bible training school to send out workers. The young people of Brother

Lauster's church are on fire for the Lord, and every village they go into is shaken with the mighty power of the Holy Ghost.

Here in Germany, the people are truly hungry for the truth. I preached in about six different meetings throughout the land, only to find that the people wanted more. My stay was over the Christmas and New Year holidays, and with the help of the Lord, I trust to return soon. There is much to be done now, while we have time, while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

The Holy Spirit is blessing Brother Lauster and his efforts for the kingdom of God. He has the true fire, the true power, the true manifestations in his meetings, and my spirit was greatly revived during the few days I spent with him at his home. The wonderful times we had at his meetings will never be forgotten.

My prayer is that God will continue to bless and provide, in this land of destruction and want. Let us back Brother Lauster with our prayers and provisions, as he feeds the flock of God here in Germany. I am studying the German language here in preparation for missionary work in Germany soon.—Sincerely yours, Jack Albanese, Assembly of God, Montana District, U. S. A.

BLESSINGS IN GERMANY

Herman Lauster, of the Church of God, reports over a thousand members in twenty groups. Two lovely new churches are almost completed. One in Krewindel, near Stuttgart, is equipped with full basement and living quarters above the auditorium. It will house the new Bible school which will open soon.

REVIVAL IN JAMAICA

"We are in a great revival at the Jordan Road property. There are eight hundred or more in attendance

each night. Over one hundred are being saved every night. Blind eyes are being opened, the lame are leaping for joy, and the deaf mutes are hearing and speaking."

QUARTERLY MEETING AND CONVENTION, BARBADOS, B.W.I.

Sunday, January 9, was the day fixed for our quarterly meeting, and this was looked forward to with much expectation, it being the first one of the year.

We began the day's services with a baptismal service at the Bay Street Beach, where a very large crowd gathered to witness thirty believers follow their Lord in the water of baptism. From there we went to the large Eckstein church where the quarterly meeting was to be held. When Brother Litton and I arrived, it was to find the building so packed that we had to go around to the upper end of the room and be helped through a window. Every place was so filled that there was no standing room available.

Everybody was happy, and such rejoicing and shouting can only be done by the people of God. After the praise service, there was united prayer and the reading of the morning psalm. When the overseer made a review of the last quarter's activities, Brother Litton and his daughter were introduced. When the vast audience stood on their feet to send up a united note of thanksgiving, it was simply wonderful. The reports show that for the first half of the Assembly year, 2,558 sermons were preached by our ministers, 2,314 homes were visited by the pastors of our churches, 513 souls sought salvation in our meetings, 384 sought the blessing of sanctification, twenty-seven received the Holy Ghost, with scriptural evidence, forty-four were baptized in water, and forty-five were added to the Church.

Notwithstanding the very trying times we are passing through, our quarterly building offering was \$190.53: Brother Litton gave the most inspiring message I ever heard on "Tithing." Brother Litton said he had seen many buildings packed, but he never saw them jammed like they were at that meeting.

The convention was also a time never to be forgotten. We were not favored with one of the head officials of our Church as we had hoped, but God was with us in mighty power.

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COURT AWARDS HUNTSVILLE, ALA., CHURCH \$7,000 IN SUIT

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milltee arrived and made arrangements to get him out. Brother Williamson went to his service again that night, and on the next day he received a letter from Mr. Elliott, president of the mill, demanding that he take the tent down and move it by twelve noon, June 11, or he would take it down. The letter was rushed to our lawyers, and their lawyer was called by our attorney and requested to advise the mill company against trespassing against the church and taking the tent down; but he stated that the mill company was proceeding to move the tent unless the church moved it.

In picture three you see the personnel manager standing with arms akimbo and his wrecking crew a few minutes before they started taking the tent down as shown in picture four. Picture five shows them loading the pulpit on one of the company's trucks. Picture six shows one of the company's trucks loaded with chairs. The tent, the pulpit, the piano, the chairs, and the pews were all hauled away and stored in the company's warehouse. That meant that not only the tent meeting was closed but Brother Williamson and his membership were left with an empty church building, since they had taken the pulpit, piano, and seats over to furnish the tent.

The case was heard in the Madison County Court House, Huntsville, Alabama, February 10, 11, and 12, and the court awarded the church \$7,000 damage.

Thank God for a government that protects its citizens.—J. D. B.

GOD'S PUNISHMENT FOR MAN'S SINS

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that there was nothing to. There are plenty of illustrations all around you, if you are close enough observer to see them, and Jesus knew everything. Jesus told of the rich man and Lazarus in the sixteenth chapter of Luke. Lazarus, the poor beggar, died and was carried by angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man died, "and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom." He asked Abraham to send Lazarus "that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things,

and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. . . . Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment."

There were some things this man could do in hell. He could see, feel, cry, remember, and taste, yet in this condition he said, "I am tormented in this flame." Can't you see yourself in that condition, tormented in the flames somewhere? God help you to escape that place. There is a way of escape, and that is through the blood of Jesus.

If I didn't have the Holy Ghost, I would get down right now and begin seeking Him. If I weren't sanctified (and regardless of your belief of it, you can get sanctified just the same), I would ask the Lord to sanctify me. If I were unsaved and lost, I wouldn't stop until I had touched God and that great Redeemer had washed my soul with His blood. Make up your mind now that you are going to dedicate your life once and for all, that you are going through and make heaven your home.

THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

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great institution, the Church. The Church of God has provided for its adherents CHANNELS OF SERVICE for all ages and classes of workers. These departments—the Sunday School, the Y.P.E., the L.W.W.B. and general services—are all instruments of service pointing to great objectives,

and these objectives are really worth while. Listen to some of them: evangelism, missions, schools, campgrounds, etc.

The Church can work, move and run only as its members work, move and run. The spiritual motivation is furnished by the Holy Spirit, but its natural force must be furnished by the members being subject to the Holy Spirit and giving loyal service to the Church in all of its program.

BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD!

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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The first three nights were in the large steel shed in the Queen's Park. The morning and midday services were in the Eckstein church. These were all well attended. There was a beautiful spirit of unity and cooperation among our people and the workers. We closed the convention with hundreds reconsecrating themselves for greater service to God. Dear Evangel family, pray for this faraway part of your mission field.—J. B. Winter, Overseer, Barbados.

COMING EVENTS

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ALABAMA DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

- Anniston District, March 5, 6.
- Bessemer District, March 12, 13.
- Tuscaloosa District, March 19, 20.
- Port Payne District, March 26, 27.
- Talladega District, April 2, 3.
- Birmingham District, April 9, 10.
- Dora District, April 23, 24.
- Oneonta District, May 1.
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